

**EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN
for BUILDING D-10**

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Fitness Club

March 16, 2010

TO: D-10 Participants

FROM: Bldg D-10 FOM

SUBJECT: Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

The enclosed copy of the D-10 Emergency Action Plan should be maintained in your office and periodically reviewed in order to remain current on the proper procedures in an event of a building evacuation. It is particularly important that you ensure all personnel using this facility leave the building immediately at the sound of an alarm. Upon exiting, you should exit to the Southside of the building, across the street in the Dormitory parking lot and report the condition of personnel to the FOM, Incident Commander or Fire Chief. Copies of the EAP are posted on each floor.

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D-10

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Introduction. This document describes the actions and responses required during emergencies affecting the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) and Building D-10. All occupants and frequent visitors of this building must be familiar with these procedures to ensure protection of personnel and property.

1. Emergency Notification Systems: How will I know if something is wrong?

GSFC has developed several methods for communicating emergency information. Emergencies may be very localized, such as an injured person, or Center-wide. Report all emergencies by calling 911.

1.1 Alarm Systems

1.1.1 Evacuation Alarms

Buildings at GSFC/WFF are equipped with evacuation alarms. These alarms will sound as a rhythmic ‘gonging’ alert, a pulsing horn, or loud “clanging” bells, each system augmented by a bright strobe light for the hearing impaired. Evacuation alarms are activated when a flow is detected in the sprinkler system, or a manual pull station is activated.

ANY EVACUATION ALARM ACTIVATION LASTING MORE THAN 30 SECONDS SHALL BE CONSIDERED A VALID ALARM, AND THE BUILDING MUST BE EVACUATED.

1.1.2 Local Hazard Alarm

Many areas at GSFC/WFF are equipped with local hazard alarms. These alarms will typically sound as a continuous loud buzzer or horn. A local hazard alarm indicates that an unsafe condition is developing and needs to be investigated by persons familiar with the area and operations. Local hazard alarms are usually activated by smoke detectors but may also be associated with chemical detection systems and special processing equipment.

1.2 Other Emergency Notification Systems

1.2.1 Management Notification Process – Notification and direction for special situations are provided via telephone through the Center management structure.

1.2.2 Email Notification – Notification and direction for special situations is provided via e-mail ‘blaster.’ Email notification is often used in conjunction with the management notification process.

1.2.3 Verbal Notification – Notification is accomplished through the Building Wardens, safety and security personnel. Verbal notification is typically used when very specific actions are required in a limited area (a single building or part of a building).

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2. Types of Emergency Situations: What types of emergencies might occur at GSFC/WFF?

2.1 Fire, Visible Smoke, Sprinkler Activation, or Explosion

There are many potential sources of fire, smoke or explosions. GSFC has incorporated a number of safeguards against injury of our people into the design and maintenance of our buildings. These include fire sprinkler systems, automatic building evacuation alarms, manually operated evacuation alarms, smoke detectors in special hazard areas, and fire walls. These safeguards limit the ability of fires to spread throughout a building.

2.2 Medical Emergency

Medical emergencies encompass any injury or illness requiring a response.

2.3 Suspicious Package (possible explosive device or contaminated package/letter)

GSFC's secure perimeter makes it a difficult target for the placement of explosives. However, packages are discovered onsite periodically that cannot be accounted for (the owner is not known).

2.4 Threat of an Explosive Device

Threats are generally received by telephone, but may also be received in writing, e-mails or even face-to-face.

2.5 Outdoor Atmospheric Hazard (e.g., Chemical Vapor Cloud)

Outdoor atmospheric hazards can occur from accidental causes or can be intentionally created. The most common causes are accidental releases which may come from a GSFC/WFF operation (liquid nitrogen tank) or from offsite (overturned tanker).

2.6 Weather-Related Emergencies

High winds, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and snowstorms all create the potential for an emergency situation.

2.7 Other Emergencies

Emergencies not specifically defined above need to be considered when planning and defining emergency actions. There are no hazard situations unique to this building.

3. Occupant Response Procedures: What do I do if something is wrong?

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3.1 Evacuation Routes and Assembly Areas

Diagrams showing evacuation routes, primary assembly areas, and alternate assembly areas are shown in Attachment 1 of this document.

3.2 Fire, Visible Smoke, Sprinkler Activation, or Explosion

3.2.1. If the building evacuation alarm sounds you are ask to cease your activities and evacuate or exit the building immediately.

- Avoid areas of obvious hazard.
- Know your alternate exit routes.
- Close all doors.
- Report to assembly area as shown in Attachment 1.
- Provide FOM or Warden with information members in the building at the time of the emergency.
- Remain in the assembly area until released.
- Do not reenter the building until the on-scene Incident Commander (see 4.4) authorizes reentry.

3.2.2 If you witness a Fire, Visible Smoke, Sprinkler Activation, or Explosion –

- Notify other persons in the area.
- Initiate an evacuation of the building.
- If you have received training in the use of fire extinguishers within the past year, attempt to extinguish small, incipient fires.
- Report information to your building FOM and the Incident Commander.

3.2.3 If you witness a fire that has been extinguished –

- If there is visible smoke, leave the area and initiate Fire Alarm
- Initiate building evacuation.
- Immediately call 911 and relay all related information.

3.2.4 Critical Operations

“N/A”

3.2.5 Special Operations

“N/A”

Note: Persons with offices in D-10 that are working should refer to the Emergency Action Plan for that area.

3.3 Medical Emergency

If there is a medical emergency in your area:

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- Call 911 for emergency medical assistance.
- Verify that any hazards are controlled or isolated to prevent further injury.
- Provide assistance and information to responders, and
- Once information has been provided, stay clear of the immediate area.

3.4 Suspicious Packages

3.4.1 Possible Explosive Device – If a suspicious package is identified:

- Clear and isolate the immediate area.
- Call 911 and report all related information.
- Follow the direction of the wardens and emergency responders.

3.4.2 Possible Contaminated Letter or Package – If a suspicious package is identified that may be contaminated with a hazardous or biological material:

- Do not shake or further inspect the letter or package.
- Do not touch, taste or sniff the material.
- Do not move the letter or package around or show it to others.
- If you are holding the letter or package, carefully put it down on a stable surface.
- Leave the area and isolate the area by closing the door or notifying coworkers to stay clear.
- Wash hands with soap and water.
- Call 911 and report related information.
- Provide information to the responders including names of all persons in the area of or having contact with the letter or package.

3.5 Threat of an Explosive Device

3.5.1 If you receive a threat:

- Remain calm.
- Complete the Bomb Threat Instructions form at the back of the GSFC phone book.
- Report the threat to 911.
- Relay information to responders and be prepared to be interviewed.

3.5.2 If a threat has been received for your activities area:

- Follow all instructions from responders.
- Relay all information about unusual activities, packages, or persons to the Incident Commander.

3.6 Outdoor Atmospheric Hazard (e.g., Chemical Vapor Cloud)

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3.6.1 Shelter-in-place – In certain cases, the best course of action to protect building occupants is to shelter-in-place. Building occupants should:

- Follow all instructions from responders
- Stay indoors
- Stay away from exterior doors

3.6.2 Special Evacuation Routes – In certain cases, it may be necessary to evacuate personnel by a specific route to prevent exposure to hazards. Building occupants should:

- Follow all instructions of responders
- Use the routes designated by the responders.
- Assemble at the locations designated by the responders.

3.7 Weather-Related Emergencies

In a weather-related emergency, it may be necessary to either evacuate the building, or shelter-in-place until the emergency has passed. Building occupants should follow all instructions from responders.

3.8 Other Emergencies

For emergencies not specifically addressed here, building occupants should follow the direction of the wardens and responders.

3.9 Procedures for Persons with Disabilities

This building does not normally house people with disabilities. If a person(s) with disabilities, particularly persons that are not able to negotiate stairs, is/are present in this building, the following plan shall be implemented as a minimum:

- a. Buddy system: multi-person assignment, never leaving person alone.
- b. At grade floor: proceed using buddy system to nearest at-grade exit.
- c. Above or below grade: use pre-designated “refuge” areas (enclosed stair towers). In these cases assume:
 1. Two people remain with one disabled person.
 2. One person reports to Command Post.
 3. Fire department will evacuate person as necessary.

4. Incident Management Responsibilities: Who will help me?

4.1 Facilities Operations Manager (FOM)

The FOM or his/her alternate has the authority to stop all activities or to evacuate the building if they believe that a significant danger to personnel or property exists. The FOM (or alternate) serves as the Building Warden.

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4.2 Building Warden

The Building Warden is responsible for executing the Building D-10 Emergency Action Plan. One or more alternate Building Wardens shall be designated when the FOM is absent from the facility. The Building Warden will be stationed at the Primary Assembly Area (Across road in Parking Lot at South side of building D-10) and ensures that all responders have completed their sweeps of assigned areas. In the event of a fire or other hazardous event, which makes the Primary Assembly Area unusable, the responder will relocate to the Alternate Assembly Area as described in Attachment 1. The responder serves as the only direct link to the onsite Incident Commander and provides status reports to the Incident Commander based on information received from the Fitness Club participants during all evacuation operations.

4.3 Floor and Area Participants

Floor and Area Participants are not normally assigned to designated parts of the building and are not directly responsible for that area in the event of an emergency. Distinctive badges worn during evacuation operations identify the responders. During an evacuation, the responders are responsible for ensuring that all personnel in the area are evacuated, including personnel who need assistance. Responders will report to the respective areas are clear, addressing number of personnel remaining (see 3.2.4 and 3.2.5), rooms occupied, and any special circumstances. If Responders have any additional information with respect to the cause of the building evacuation, they should relay that information to the Incident Commander. They then proceed to their respective assembly areas and assist with crowd control.

Responders or designated personnel may be required to perform a sweep of the building at the Incident Commanders request. A two-person team is required for all 'sweep' operations and for the recovery of personnel awaiting assistance in designated Refuge Areas. Trained responders from the Incident Command Post (see 4.4) may carry out the above operations.

4.4 GSFC/WFF Wallops Fire Department

The Wallops Fire Department provides on-site Incident Commanders for all emergencies. A Wallops Fire Department vehicle on scene with an-identified firefighter (indicated by red helmet) becomes the NASA/GSFC Command Post for the incident, and the ranking on-scene Firefighter becomes the Incident Commander. The Incident Commander always stays at the Command Post vehicle during the emergency.

4.5 Facilities Management Branch (FMB)

FMB provides service for sprinkler systems and the fire/smoke alarm systems, and controls HVAC systems. The Wallops Fire Department operates the Emergency Console. The Emergency Console receives all emergency calls and makes the proper notifications. The console is the central point for all WFF radio communications. The Emergency Console remotely monitors all fire protection systems (fire detection and sprinklers systems) to initiate proper response to alarms and ensure they remain in service.

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4.6 Additional Support Organizations

The Accomack County Sheriff's Department, Va. State Police, Va. Marine Resources Commission and the Chincoteague Coast Guard, all provide emergency services in accordance with individual agency responsibility, authority and interagency agreements. Under certain conditions, any of the above could be asked to provide real-time assistance to the GSFC/WFF On-Scene Incident Commander.

5. Review and Validation

This document shall be reviewed and reissued annually according to configuration management procedures. If no changes are needed, it needs only a new approval signature and dates.

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FOM
EVACUATION CHECKLIST

Date of Evacuation: _____ Building Warden: _____

Start Time: _____ Evacuation Complete: _____ hrs.

Type of Evacuation: ☐ Evacuation Drill ☐ Flooding
 ☐ Fire Evacuation ☐ Bomb Alert
 ☐ Smoke/Fumes ☐ Other

Floor Warden Check-in:	Evacuation Complete Yes/No	Personnel Remaining	Location
Ground Floor			
Second Floor			
Sweep Team (as required)			
Total Personnel Remaining in Building ____:			

Remarks/Notes: _____

Return completed form to WFF Safety Coordinator, (757) 824 -1486

E-Mail Kenneth.E.Volante@nasa.gov

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RESPONDER EVACUATION CHECKLIST

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

1. Ensure that all personnel evacuate your area of responsibility and leave the building.
2. Use stairwells, not building elevators.
3. Report to the Building Warden in the lobby and assist in crowd control
4. Assist personnel to an approved "Refuge Area" or out of the building to an evacuation assembly area.

REENTRY PROCEDURES

1. Reenter only when directed by the Building Warden.
2. Return to assigned work areas.
3. Survey the area to ensure nothing is missing.
4. Reestablish normal interfaces.

**CRITICAL OPERATIONS OR
SPECIAL OPERATIONS**

1. Perform an orderly "Pre-evacuation," i.e., a reduction of personnel in affected areas of the building.
2. Direction will be given by the Building Warden.
3. Assist personnel to an approved "Refuge Area" or out of the building to an evacuation assembly area.

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Attachment 1

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN FOR PERSONNEL
BUILDING D-10

**ALL PERSONNEL SHOULD FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH POSTED
EVACUATION ROUTES AND PROCEDURES**

USE THE NEAREST FIRE ALARM BOX AND/OR TELEPHONE EXTENSION 911
TO SPREAD THE ALARM.

PLEASE FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH LOCATION OF THE NEAREST
ALARM BOX AND TELEPHONE IN YOUR WORK AREA.

IF YOU CALL IN AN ALARM, DESCRIBE AS PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE
THE NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY AND THE EXACT LOCATION
(BUILDING NUMBER, ROOM NUMBER, ETC.). DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL
TOLD TO DO SO BY THE DISPATCHER.

SPREAD THE ALARM – PASS THE WORD TO OTHER PERSONNEL

TIME PERMITTING:

CLOSE DOORS AND WINDOWS TO CONFINE THE FIRE AND
PREVENT DRAFTS

TURN OFF LIGHTS AND SECURE ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL
EQUIPMENT

USE PROPER EQUIPMENT IF AVAILABLE TO EXTINGUISH THE
FIRE (IF YOU ARE QUALIFIED)

DO NOT ENDANGER YOURSELF OR OTHERS

EXIT BUILDING USING THE DESIGNATED EVACUATION ROUTES AND
GATHER AT ASSEMBLY AREA(S)

ASSEMBLY AREAS ARE ACROSS THE ROAD ON THE EAST END OF D-
10 OR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARKING LOT ON THE WEST END.

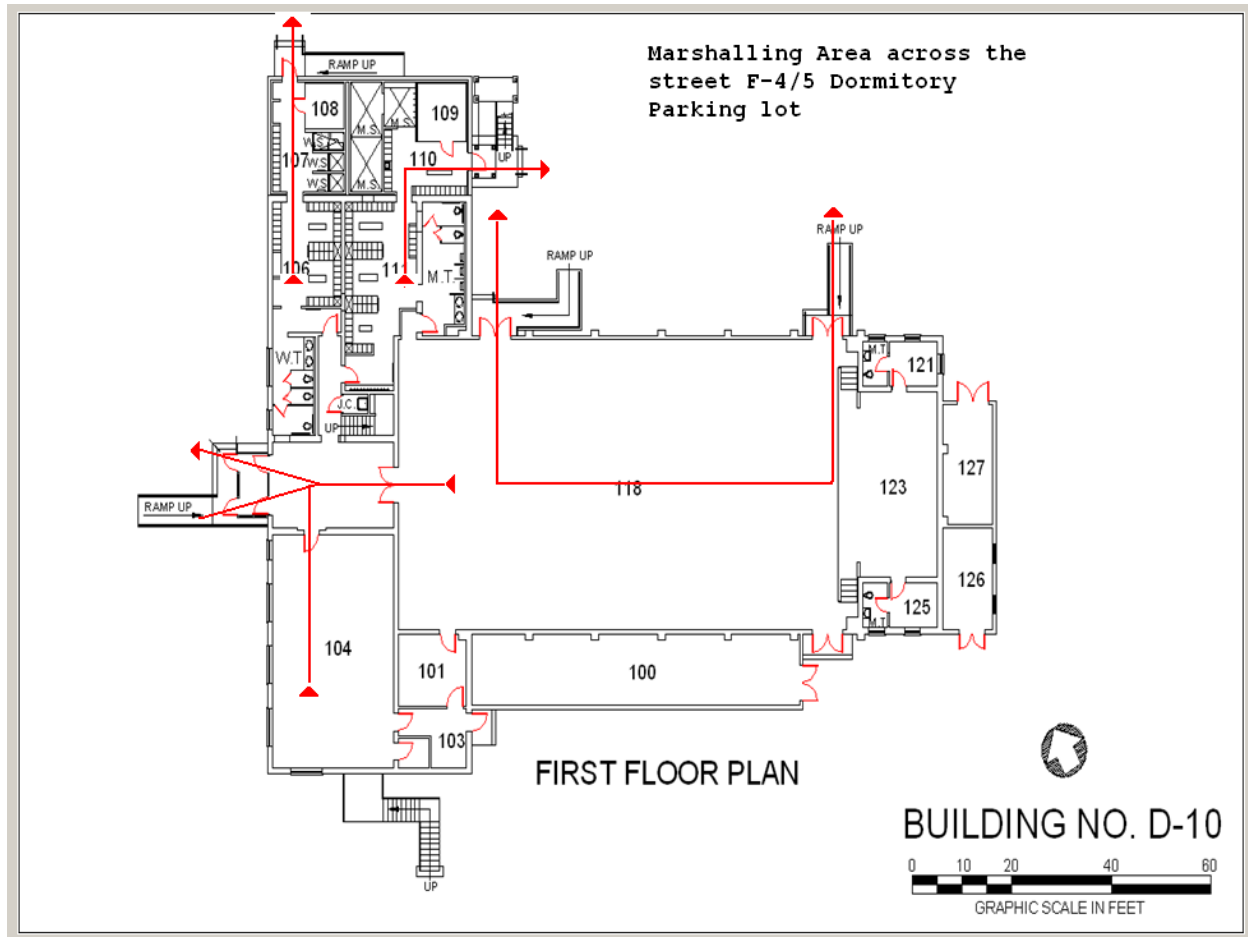
WARDENS WILL REPORT TO THE FOM AND THE FOM SHALL REPORT
TO THE INCIDENT COMMANDER (SENIOR FIRE OFFICIAL)

WARDENS WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA TO
ASSIST EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AS REQUIRED

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